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Elections

At its organizational meeting on 10 February 1992, the Governing Council, in accordance with rule 11 of its rules of procedure, elected, by acclamation, the following officers for 1992:

President: H.E. Mr. Wilhelm Breitenstein (Finland)

Vice-President: H.E. Dr. Martin Adouki (Congo)

Vice-President: H.E. M. Aurel Dragos Munteanu (Romania)

Vice-President: H.E. Dr. Roberto Mayorga-Cortes (Nicaragua)

Vice-President: H.E. Ratu Manasa Kikau Seniloli (Fiji)

92/1. Schedule of meetings of the Governing Council in 1992 and other organizational matters

The Governing Council

I

Decides that the thirty-ninth session of the Governing Council, including the Standing Committee for Programme Matters, the Budgetary and Finance Committee and the Drafting Group shall be held in Geneva from 4 to 29 May 1992 and that the high-level segment of the plenary shall take place between 11 and 13 May 1992;

II

Takes note of the statement by the Secretary of the Governing Council at the organizational meeting on the rationalization of the work of the Council, including measures taken concerning documentation;

III

Decides to waive for its meetings in 1992 rule 22 of its rules of procedure, in so far as that rule refers to the requirement of a quorum of one third of the members of the Governing Council present to open a meeting or to proceed with a debate;

IV

Approves the provisional agenda and tentative schedule of work for its special session from 10 to 14 February 1992 (DP/1992/L.2 and Add.1);

V

Approves the provisional agenda and the tentative schedule of work for its thirty-ninth session (DP/1992/L.3 as orally amended and taking into account decision 92/2 of 14 February 1992) and on the understanding that the Bureau of the Council be entrusted with the task of adjusting the schedule of meetings within the overall allocation of services to ensure a smooth and proper conduct of the Council;

VI

Agrees that the Standing Committee for Programme Matters shall deal with the following subjects at the thirty-ninth session:

(a) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;

(b) All country and intercountry programmes;

(c) Global and interregional projects;

(d) Country and intercountry programmes of the United Nations Population Fund;

(e) Evaluation;

VII

1. Decides to allocate the following items of the provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session to the Budgetary and Finance Committee:

7. United Nations Population Fund: financial, budgetary and administrative matters;

10. Financial, administrative and budgetary matters. Under this item the Governing Council will consider the following subjects:

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1991 (including trust funds);

(b) Revised budget estimates for 1992-1993;

(c) Audit reports and other matters;

(d) Status of management services;

(e) Financial regulations: matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved;

2. Further decides that the Budgetary and Finance Committee shall also review the financial implications of draft decisions before the Governing Council takes action thereon;

VIII

Reaffirms the principles contained in section III, paragraph 4, of Governing Council decision 83/1 of 14 February 1983, which shall guide the deliberations of the Drafting Group;

IX

Agrees to waive the 10-week rule for the submission of documents to be considered by the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session, as specified in section V of document DP/1992/L.3;

X

1. Decides to open the list of speakers for the high-level segment of its session on 30 March 1992 and to close it on 11 May 1992;

2. Decides that there shall be a time-limit of 15 minutes for all interventions, those made by the delegations and secretariat alike, during the session.

1st meeting
10 February 1992

92/2. Rationalization of the work of the Governing Council

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decisions 87/1 of 17 February 1987, 87/50 of 19 June 1987, 90/23 of 23 June 1990 and 91/51 of 25 June 1991 regarding rationalizing and streamlining the work of the Governing Council,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the Governing Council to oversee and provide guidance for the Programme in accordance with the latter's mandate and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Taking into account that the General Assembly, in paragraph 20 of its resolution 46/190 of 20 December 1991, invited the Governing Council to review its meeting and documentation requirements in the light of their significant financial implications and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session (1992), through the Committee on Conferences,

1. Requests the Administrator to include in his annual report information on the following:

(a) Implementation of country, regional, interregional, global and Special Programme Resources-funded programmes;

(b) Important highlights of activities of other funds and programmes, including the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration and the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development;

(c) Significant steps taken by the United Nations Development Programme to follow up resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly and by other organs and organizations of the United Nations system, especially resolutions dealing with operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(d) Technical cooperation among developing countries;

(e) A progress report on the activities of the United Nations Development Programme in combating the human immune deficiency virus infection (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS);

(f) Regional economic integration;

(g) Procurement from developing countries;

(h) Human Development Report;

(i) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to the United Nations Development Programme;

(j) Any other matters to be brought to the attention of the Governing Council;

2. Decides to establish at its organizational meeting a programme of work for the Governing Council which will give appropriate time for consideration of specific subjects in the annual report of the Administrator, particularly those subjects contained in the report likely to require a decision by the Council;

3. Decides to consider annually the following subjects:

(a) National execution;

(b) National capacity-building;

(c) Programme management issues, including decentralization and the programme approach;

(d) Coordination;

(e) Evaluation;

(f) Matters relating to the programming cycles;

(g) Issues relating to programme quality, impact, sustainability, efficiency and programme/project audits;

(h) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

(i) United Nations Population Fund (see also para. 7 (h) of the present decision);

(j) United Nations technical cooperation activities;

(k) Annual review of the financial situation (including trust funds);

(l) Revised budget estimates for the current biennium;

4. Decides to consider country, intercountry, global and Special Programme Resources programmes and projects when each programming document is approved, in a mid-term review, and when each programme is evaluated upon completion;

5. Decides to consider the following subjects on a biennial basis:

(a) Matters relating to the least developed countries;

(b) Assistance to national liberation movements;

(c) Women in development;

(d) The activities of the United Nations Development Programme in combating HIV/AIDS;

(e) Technical cooperation among developing countries;

(f) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

(g) United Nations Development Fund for Women;

(h) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

(i) United Nations Volunteers programme;

(j) Audit reports;

(k) Report on the status of management services;

(l) Financial regulations: matters on which consensus has not yet been achieved;

(m) Procurement from developing countries;

(n) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical cooperation expenditures;

6. Decides to consider the following subjects on a triennial basis:

(a) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;

(b) United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development;

(c) United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources (UNISTAR) and Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals (TOKTEN);

7. Decides that its agenda for the thirty-ninth session (1992) shall include the following additional subjects:

(a) Micro-capital grants, in accordance with Governing Council decision 90/15 of 22 June 1990;

(b) United Nations Development Programme Gulf Task Force;

(c) United Nations Development Programme assistance in private sector development;

(d) Role of the United Nations Development Programme in the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

(e) Humanitarian programmes, including refugees, displaced persons, returnees and the United Nations Development Programme response to emergencies;

(f) Follow-up to the recommendations of the management consultants' report on the senior management structure of the United Nations Development Programme (decision 91/43 of 25 June 1991);

(g) Support costs successor arrangements;

(h) United Nations Population Fund: review of the agenda of the Governing Council with a view to further streamlining;

8. Reaffirms its decisions to consider at its fortieth session (1993), inter alia, the following subjects:

(a) Technical cooperation among developing countries (decision 91/7 of 25 June 1991);

(b) Regional economic integration (decision 91/10 of 25 June 1991);

(c) Efficiency of programming and the comparative advantages of the United Nations Development Programme (decision 91/31 of 25 June 1991);

(d) Experiences and utilization of the development support services (para. 39 of decision 91/46 of 21 June 1991);

(e) Procurement from developing countries (decision 91/48 of 21 June 1991);

(f) United Nations Development Programme activities with respect to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (decision 90/20 of 22 June 1990);

9. Requests the Administrator to provide for the organizational meetings and regular sessions of the Governing Council a table indicating the subjects included in the agenda for the previous year, the present year and the two subsequent years;

10. Decides to review, at each session of the Governing Council, the subjects planned for inclusion in the agenda of the following session, with a view to eliminating consideration of those subjects that are no longer relevant and to streamlining further the agenda of the Council;

11. Decides further to review at its annual organizational meeting additional possibilities for the rationalization of the work of the Governing Council, including a review of meeting and documentation requirements;

12. Decides to examine on the penultimate day of each Governing Council session a comprehensive list of the reports being requested in draft Council decisions, with a view to reducing the overall number and volume of separate reports;

13. Decides that Governing Council decisions should focus on the governance of the United Nations Development Programme and that the Council should avoid decisions which call for no change in, or are not directly related to, policies or activities of the United Nations Development Programme.

7th meeting
14 February 1992

92/3. Venue of the Governing Council

The Governing Council

1. Decides to review the issue of the venue of sessions of the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session and, to that effect, includes such an item in its provisional agenda;

2. Requests the Administrator to provide further information on, inter alia, cost estimates on holding a session in Geneva or in New York;

3. Decides to transmit the text contained in document DP/1992/L.5 entitled "Venue of the Governing Council" for consideration at its thirty-ninth session.

7th meeting
14 February 1992

92/4. Assistance to Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Yemen

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the role of the United Nations Development Programme in assisting Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Yemen as contained in document DP/1992/3, and the comments made thereon by delegations,

1. Emphasizes the need to adhere to the principle governing the allocation of funds under the indicative planning figures;

2. Understands that the newly established liaison office is to provide logistical support and is temporary;

3. Requests the Administrator to present proposals for future funding of this office to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993).

7th meeting
14 February 1992

92/5. United Nations Development Programme Gulf Task Force

The Governing Council

1. Expresses its appreciation for the report of the Administrator containing proposals for the socio-economic and environmental recovery of countries affected by the Gulf crisis (DP/1992/4), as well as its satisfaction with the way in which the Gulf Task Force has carried out its tasks;

2. Endorses the proposals contained in document DP/1992/5;

3. Expresses its continuing concern at the impact of the Gulf crisis on the socio-economic development and environment of all affected countries and at the lack of sufficient funds to enable recovery;

4. Notes the importance of collective action to assist all affected countries in their socio-economic and environmental recovery and of collaboration between those countries, donor countries, relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, multilateral financial institutions and non-governmental organizations;

5. Requests the Administrator to continue to assist all affected countries in formulating and pursuing proposals for recovery, at national, subregional, regional and interregional levels, through the United Nations Development Programme field offices, as well as its bureaux and units as necessary, and in dialogue with donors at the country level, particularly as

regards the human problem of the returning labour migrants, the management of the economic impact of the Gulf crisis, and the environmental impact.

8th meeting
14 February 1992

92/6. Net contributor status

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 91/29 of 21 June 1991,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on preparations for the fifth programming cycle: follow-up to decision 91/29 of 25 June 1991, concerning net contributor status (DP/1992/6),

1. Takes note of the conclusions of the Administrator that the collaboration between the countries covered by decision 91/29 and the United Nations Development Programme in the fifth programming cycle is likely to increase;

2. Takes note of the proposed settlement of outstanding field office costs obligations by Bahrain contained in document DP/1992/6/Add.1;

3. Approves the proposed method for the distribution of local office costs between countries covered by a field office with regional responsibilities and the host country, namely that field office costs directly and exclusively attributable to countries other than the host country will henceforth be covered by the country concerned;

4. Requests the Administrator to inform the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992) of the manner in which countries have met their fourth cycle net contributor obligations, the final indicative planning figures for the countries covered by decision 91/29 and the projected implications of the implementation of the decision on the maintenance of field offices in those countries and on the 1994-1995 budget.

8th meeting
14 February 1992

92/7. Special Programme Resources

The Governing Council

1. Appreciates the efforts of the Administrator in the preparation of the programming documents contained in document DP/1992/7;

2. Approves the programming documents for the allocation of Special Programme Resources contained in document DP/1992/7 on the understanding that (a) comments received from delegations will be taken into consideration with the proviso that action would be taken during the subsequent process of detailed programme design and (b) subcategory C6. Social dimensions of adjustment will be redesigned and resubmitted for the full consideration of the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992).

8th meeting
14 February 1992

92/8. Preparations for the fifth programming cycle: Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine

The Governing Council,

Welcoming the Republics of Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine as recipient countries in the United Nations Development Programme,

1. Approves, in accordance with decision 90/34, the allocation of indicative planning figures and requests the Administrator to inform the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session of any revised basic data and the effect on the computation of the indicative planning figures;

2. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with programme development in the five countries, at the request of and in close cooperation with the Governments concerned, taking into account the need for impact sustainability, effective utilization of resources and other development activities being undertaken in the countries;

3. Requests the Administrator to submit a report for approval by the Governing Council, at its thirty-ninth session, with proposals on alternative and innovative ways of establishing a United Nations presence, including the possibility of one or more United Nations Development Programme or joint United Nations offices covering the region, with particular regard to cost-effectiveness. In preparing the report, the Administrator is requested to consult with his partners of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy and with the Administrative Committee on Coordination on a coordinated approach to programme development and programme support in the region.

9th meeting
14 February 1992

92/9. Preparations for the fifth programming cycle

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 90/34 of 23 June 1990 and all other relevant decisions, including decision 91/24 of 25 June 1991,

Taking into account the views expressed by a number of delegations at the special session in 1992 with regard to the necessity of mobilizing additional resources,

1. Takes note of the Administrator's presentation on the resource outlook for the fifth programming cycle and related issues;

2. Requests the Administrator to prepare a detailed analysis of the resource outlook and its impact on indicative planning figures;

3. Decides to consider in depth these questions at the thirty-ninth session.

9th meeting
14 February 1992

92/10. Country, intercountry and global programmes

The Governing Council

1. Approves the following country programmes:

Fifth country programme for Chad	DP/CP/CHD/5 and Corr.1 DP/CP/CHD/NOTE/5
Fifth country programme for Colombia	DP/CP/COL/5 DP/CP/COL/NOTE/5
Third country programme for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	DP/CP/DRK/3 and Corr.1 DP/CP/DRK/NOTE/3
Fifth country programme for Ecuador	DP/CP/ECU/5 DP/CP/ECU/NOTE/5
Fifth country programme for Maldives	DP/CP/MDV/5
Fifth country programme for Peru	DP/CP/PER/5 and Corr.1 DP/CP/PER/NOTE/5
Fifth country programme for Senegal	DP/CP/SEN/5 and Corr.1 DP/CP/SEN/NOTE/5
Fifth country programme for Sri Lanka	DP/CP/SRL/5 DP/CP/SRL/NOTE/5
Fourth country programme for Viet Nam	DP/CP/VIE/4 and Corr.1 DP/CP/VIE/NOTE/4

2. Approves the fifth country programme for Zambia (DP/CP/ZAM/5 and Corr.1 and DP/CP/ZAM/NOTE/5 and Corr.1) on the condition that an advance mid-term review will be held in early 1993, which will take the form of a full-scale programming exercise; the results of this exercise will then be submitted for the consideration of the Governing Council, in the form of either a revised programme or a new country programme for the period 1994-1998;

3. Takes note of the extension by one year of the following country programmes:

Extension of the first country programme for Anguilla	DP/CP/ANL/1/EXTENSION I
Extension of the fourth country programme for Burundi	DP/CP/BDI/4/EXTENSION I
Extension of the third country programme for Congo	DP/CP/PRC/3/EXTENSION I
Extension of the fourth country programme for Ghana	DP/CP/GHA/4/EXTENSION I
Extension of the fourth country programme for Pakistan	DP/CP/PAK/4/EXTENSION I
Extension of the fourth country programme for Rwanda	DP/CP/RWA/4/EXTENSION I

4. Approves the global and interregional programmes for the fifth programming cycle (DP/INTGLO/2 and Corr.1), subject to further refinement, to be brought before the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992), as stated in document DP/1992/47.

8th meeting
14 February 1992

92/11. Special assistance to Samoa

The Governing Council,

Noting with concern that the current cyclone season has caused damage in several island developing countries, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, in the South Pacific, and noting in particular that both loss of life and comprehensive loss of property and economic livelihood have occurred in Samoa as a result of cyclone Val,

Acknowledging the severe adverse impacts of the cyclone on the efforts of the Government of Samoa to achieve economic growth and development,

Acknowledging also the efforts being made by the Government and the people of Samoa to cope with the emergency and adjust to its long-term humanitarian, social and economic effects,

Appreciative of the assistance so far provided by agencies of the United Nations system, concerned Governments and non-governmental agencies,

1. Commends the Administrator for his prompt action in allocating funds from the Special Programme Resources to help alleviate the immediate effects of the emergency in Samoa;

2. Calls upon the Administrator, within his mandate, to continue consultations with the Government of Samoa with a view to extending further assistance to the maximum extent possible in their rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts;

3. Also calls upon all States and international organizations to extend further support to Samoa and other South Pacific Governments affected in the aftermath of the cyclones and throughout the ensuing rehabilitation period.

8th meeting
14 February 1992